## 18th Congressional District, Texas

## **★ NEWS ALERT ★**

# Priorities of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee

Dear Friend:

As a Member of Congress and a Member of the House Judiciary, I believe that Congress must do all that it can to help the thousands of employees who have suffered greatly by corporate mismanagement; that is why I introduced the Omnibus Corporate Reform and Restoration Act of 2002. Additionally, I joined in facilitating a historic agreement, on June 11, 2002, that was reached between former Enron management, former Enron employees, and all interested parties to give former Enron employees their severance pay owed them under the Enron severance plan.

At the same time, I have worked to bring more than \$833,000,000 million federal dollars for projects to stimulate the Houston economy and protect our jobs. Together, we can sustain our community and strengthen our nation.

Sincerely,

Sheila Jackson Lee Member of Congress Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Grades 6 - 12 4 - 6 pm CST, Wednesday, September 25, 2002 Call collect 202-225-3816

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- ★ Homeland Security: Congresswoman Jackson Lee has been working hard in the Science and Judiciary Committees to help design a Department of Homeland Security, to make America safe from terrorism and simultaneously protect the dedicated employees that will make it possible. She pushed legislation to improve the ability of the Immigration and Naturalization Services to keep out dangerous individuals, while continuing to facilitate access for those individuals desiring legalization.
- ★ NASA: Congresswoman Jackson Lee feels that the space exploration and research done at NASA will inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers, and will provide the technological advances to keep America's economy strong. She recently sponsored an amendment that passed unanimously in the Science Committee, to encourage NASA to improve the safety of our nation's network of communication and information gathering satellites.
- ★ Afghanistan: She believes that America should not turn its back

on Afghanistan at a time when it is still unstable. She recently visited Afghanistan and was particularly moved by the conditions of displaced women and children. Con-

No FEAR ACT



On May 15, 2002, the No Fear Act, the first civil rights bill of the new millennium, sponsored by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, was signed by the President. This Act protects Federal Employees from discrimination and protects Federal whistleblowers.

gresswoman Jackson Lee will work to get educational resources for the children of Afghanistan.

★ Inland Flooding: Congresswoman Jackson Lee joined with Bob Etheridge, her colleague from North Carolina, to introduce a bill that will improve our ability to forecast cyclones and disastrous floods, and to warn the public about them. This bill passed in the House and should save hundreds of lives and millions of dollars in property damage to homes and businesses.

#### Legislative hearing on the proposal to create a Department of Homeland Security



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee makes a compelling argument to Governor Ridge, the President's Homeland Security Advisor, during the House Judiciary Committee hearing on the creation of the Homeland Security Department, concerning the need for funds to go directly to local government. Congresswoman Jackson Lee was pleased with the Governor's sensitivity to and commitment to working on the issue.

- Social Security: Congresswoman Jackson Lee believes that Social Security should be staunchly protected. On behalf of all the families in America who work hard and pay into the system so that they can count on the assistance of Social Security when they retire, the Congresswoman is fighting the Republican plan to privatize Social Security. She recently joined the House Democratic Caucus in signing a discharge petition calling for a debate on preserving Social Security.
- ★ Tropical Storm Allison: Congresswoman Jackson Lee continues to advocate for insurance companies recovery efforts at both the local and federal levels. She works with flood victims almost daily to expedite relief from insurance companies and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). She also helped to secure federal grants that will help hospitals, schools, colleges and universities in the 18th District.
- Guantanamo Bay: Congresswoman Jackson Lee recently toured the facilities at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where the Al-Qaida detainees are held. Congresswoman Jackson Lee inspected the facilities of the detainees and reviewed the quality of life for the soldiers guarding them. Congresswoman Jackson Lee met with several soldiers including those from the Texas Army National Guard as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Veterans' Legislation: Congresswoman Jackson Lee recognizes the importance of veterans to the United States. She has sponsored legislation that will benefit veterans and their families. She provides assistance on issues concerning veterans, such as health care, disability compensation, GI bill education and job training, home loan guarantees and life insurance policies.
- ★ Prescription Drugs: Congresswoman Jackson Lee is committed to providing a Medicare prescription drug benefit to seniors and the disabled. She supports a plan that guarantees that all Medicare patients can afford the medicines their doctors prescribe. She fought the Republican plan that is supported by insurance companies and drug companies. She will continue to fight for the right kind of benefits for our seniors.

#### **★** Amount of Money for District **★**

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Delivers for Houston! **Federal Dollars 18th Congressional District** FY 2001-2002

Health Care	\$335,114,030.00
Education	\$43,618,155.00
Cultural Activities	
Small Businesses	
Transportation Projects	\$27,440,025.00
NASA	\$57,225,205.00
Defense	\$416,893,000.00
Crime Prevention	
Total Federal Dollars delivered for the	



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee toured and inspected the maximum security and general facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where the Al-Qaida members were detained.

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